

The show must go on!

Language focus

- Media vocabulary
- Talking about preferences

1 Entertainment

What kind of mood do you need to be in to do the following activities? Do any of them appeal to a particular kind of person or age group?

- Reading a book
- Going to the cinema
- Watching a series
- Going to the theatre



2 Books

Discuss the following.

- The last time you were so engrossed in a book you couldn't put it down.
- Your idea of perfect bedtime reading material.
- An ideal book for the holidays.

3 TV programming

Imagine you work for a TV channel. Agree on a programme of shows to be broadcast on a Saturday between 6 a.m. and 12 midnight.

Useful language

- We could **start** the morning with the news headlines and the weather forecast.
- We could **follow** the news **by** a short documentary.
- We could **then show** 10 minutes of cartoons.
- **At this point** we could **schedule** a soap opera / game show / detective drama.

Do you think it's good to run shows in their original language with subtitles or is it better to dub them? What about children's shows?



4 News and current affairs

- What are the five most newsworthy events of the last 50 years?
- What do you remember about them or what do you remember being told?

Useful language

- *I remember thinking that it couldn't be possible.*
- *I remember everybody at school talking about it.*
- *I remember the demonstration we went on after it happened.*
- *I remember my family gathered around the TV.*

5 News discussion

Where do you get your news from? Newspapers? News magazines? Social media websites? The TV? Talking to friends? Discuss all these different ways of finding out about news, considering the following:

- How impartial they are
- How much advertising they include
- How much spam they generate
- How reliably they report
- How accessible they are



6 The World Wide Web

a) What websites do you keep bookmarked? What do you subscribe to?

- Podcasts
- Newspapers
- Streaming media
- Blogs

b) What are the benefits and drawbacks of posting on social media platforms?



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